

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior listings and versions of claims in the application.

1. – 185. (cancelled)

186. (new) A method for protecting a surface of a human from *Herpes simplex I* virus, or decontaminating a surface of a human of *Herpes simplex I* virus comprising exposing said surface of a human to a composition comprising:

a) an oil-in-water emulsion, comprising;

- 1) a discontinuous oil phase;
- 2) an aqueous phase;
- 3) an alcohol; and
- 4) a surfactant;

wherein said discontinuous oil phase, said aqueous phase, said alcohol, and said surfactant are combined under conditions such that said oil-in-water emulsion is itself antimicrobial; and

b) a halogen-containing compound.

187. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said surface of a human comprises an external surface of a human.

188. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said surface of a human comprises an internal portion of a human.

189. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said oil-in-water emulsion further comprises a chelating agent.

190. (new) The method of Claim 189, wherein said chelating agent comprises ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid..

191. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said oil phase comprises an oil

selected from the group consisting of plant oil, animal oil, flavor oil, mineral oil and motor oil.

192. (new) The method of Claim 191, wherein said plant oil comprises soybean oil.

193. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of a polysorbate surfactant, a pheoxypolyethoxyethanol and sodium dodecyl sulfate.

194. (new) The method of claim 193, wherein said polysorbate surfactant comprises TWEEN 20.

195. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said alcohol comprises ethanol.

196. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said alcohol comprises glycerol.

197. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said halogen containing compound comprises cetylpyridinium chloride.

198. (new) The method of Claim 186, wherein said composition is formulated as a topical treatment.

199. (new) The method of Claim 198, wherein said topical treatment is formulated in a form selected from the group consisting of a cream, ointment, salve and spray.